Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

What a busy week we have had with lots of exciting extra-curricular events for our students. We had students attend the Chinese Speaking competition. On Thursday students started the new basketball program ‘School Hoops’. The students had lots of fun while learning important skills including listening to instructions and working as a team. We also had a visit from Wynnum State High School on Friday. The orchestral band performed for us and some of our students were lucky enough to be picked to get up and perform alongside our guests!

Next week is Book Week and students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character on Tuesday. Students will be reading a range of books featured in this year’s Book Week book list. They will also have the opportunity to participate in some book week activities with their classroom teacher which will be put up for display in our library.

This term all of our students participated in the Premiers Reading Challenge. All students must complete this challenge by the end of Book Week. Well done to our Prep/1 class as every student has already met their goal of 20 books and completed the challenge!

Until our next newsletter….  Sammi Carvill, Acting Principal

**Wednesday 17th August, 2016**

- **School Office hours:**
  Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

- **School Watch:** 13 17 88

- **P&C Association Meeting** is held once a month at 6:30pm
  President: Andy Grainger
  **Next Meeting:** Thursday 25th August

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **August Mon 22nd – Fri 26th**
  Book Week

- **August Saturday 27th**
  Cairns Festival Parade

- **August Wednesday 31st**
  Prep Open Day

- **September Friday 2nd**
  Teacher Aides Appreciation Day

- **September Thursday 8th**
  Movie Night

- **September Thursday 15th**
  Future Leaders Eco Challenge

- **September Friday 16th**
  Last day of Term 3

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open each Wednesday from 8:30 – 9:00am

*Don’t be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try.*

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Year 2/3/4 News – Miss Carvill

Last week we explored measurement in maths which allowed many fun hands on investigations. Through the week students investigated length, area, mass and capacity. They also compared measurements and converted measurements.

A couple of weeks ago the students and I created a new class target which was to get along and cooperate with other students. I didn’t see much of my lovely students as I was given the opportunity to step in for Ms Wertz while she was away however we did catch up during lunch breaks and it was great to see the students working hard to cooperate with others. I am very much looking forward to getting back into the classroom catching up with you all!

Yr P/1 News – Miss Vallis

Isn’t the time flying, we’re just over half way through Term 3 already!

We’ve had another busy week, finished off beautifully when we were treated to a free concert from the Wynnum State high school band. It was exciting, interactive and enjoyable. I’m sure many of the students will now be wanting to learn a musical instrument.

I’m really thrilled to say that most children are now doing their homework. Thank you so much to those supportive parents who are being so involved and helpful in their child’s education to enable this. The results will show great rewards. Well done to Hayley whose homework is always beautifully done, and to Lex who always does extra. Now that the preps have learned all their single letters and sounds, we’ve begun some digraphs and are working on our blends. They are very excited to be learning so much. Keep up the great work!

Students of the Week

Tramaine - for his great enthusiasm for reading and Maths, and also for achieving 100% on his times tables test.

Chantal – for consistent focus in the classroom.

Lincoln - for improved performance, concentration and behaviour in class.
This week in 4/5/6 we learnt about the economic diversity of different countries in Geography. We enjoyed looking at the groceries families spend their weekly income on for a week from all over the world and comparing what types of foods differed depending on available food, family diets and the household's weekly budget.

Some things that stood out to us was that for a week, Australian families generally have an abundance of food ranging from healthy to extremely unhealthy compared to that of a Sudanese family living within a refugee camp who have only a few small bags of grain and fruit. Not only did we learn about the way of life within poor countries of the world but we were reminded to be thankful to be living in a blessed country like Australia.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week 6!
We have been busy tie dying t-shirts! If you would like a t-shirt for the Cairns Festival Float (Sat Sept 27th), bring in a plain white (or light coloured) t-shirt and we’ll tie dye it for you!

We are also practising important life skills such as cooking and making our own breakfast and afternoon teas!

And as always, there is the ever popular playing games, mucking about on the playground and stadium and generally having FUN!